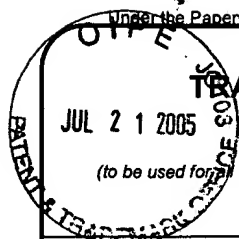


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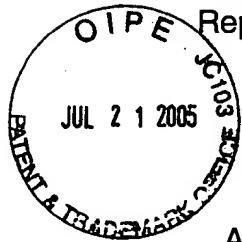
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In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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